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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 (Modified) have come to the attention of the applicant and are submitted to the Office under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. As provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a), copies of most of the listed references have not been enclosed because the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (Modified) was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in related application U.S. Serial No. 09/753,232 filed December 28, 2000, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 C.F.R. § 120. However, should the Examiner wish to receive copies of these references, applicant will provide them upon request.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing citations be considered and made of record. It is respectfully requested that the examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO/SB/08A with initials and/or other appropriate marks.

Respectfully submitted,

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